

## Soldiers, Veterinarians Give Agriculture A Boost

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AL RASHID DISTRICT, Baghdad, Iraq- Fifty Iraqi veterinarians hired by the 5th Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Cavalry Division, began giving vaccinations to farm animals during the Al Rashid District Animal Health Project June 20.

The \$156,000 project to provide de-worming and vaccinations to more than 50,000 animals kicked off in an open field, where the animal health team oversaw the first day of the two to three month mission.

"We're doing this project for a few reasons," said 1st Lt. Chip Cole, the 5BCT animal health officer. "There is an abundance of veterinarians without jobs. The second thing is these animals are being eaten up by internal parasites. The third is the borders are open and there are all of these animals coming in with

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**1st Lt. Chip Cole of the 5th Brigade Combat Team agriculture team inspects a calf for parasites and development while 50 Iraqi veterinarians start their first day of work on the Al Rashid District Animal Health Project.**

## 39BCT Team Reopens Abu Al-Kaseeb School

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BOB AL-SHAM, Iraq- For the students of the Abu Al-Kaseeb school, the building in which they attended class was as much a hindrance to their education as anything, community leaders here said.

Collapsing walls, inoperable air conditioners, broken desks and no supplies composed the environment students were asked to learn in.

Members of the local area council requested assistance from the civil affairs team assigned to the area to help rebuild and fix the facility. The request became a reality with a ribbon cutting ceremony reopening the school.

Investing over \$31,000 into the rebuilding and refurbishment of the Abu Al-Kaseeb School, Bob Al-Sham civic leaders and Soldiers of A-Team 3, 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry

Regiment, 39th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 1st Cavalry Division participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony reopening the school last month.

"The school was a wreck when we first evaluated it," said Capt. Patrick Pascall, the civil affairs team chief. "Walls were crumbling, the air conditioning was blown out, the light fixtures were inoperable; the whole thing was just a mess."

The Bob Al-Sham

Neighborhood Area Council (NAC) facilitated the initial consultations to time the beginning of the project to coincide with students being released for summer break.

As an additional benefit to the area, construction work on the school meant that the local economy would receive jobs.

"We try to make sure that every project we do, we hire as many locals as possible,"

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## With Improved Facility, Children Can Concentrate on Education, Future

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Pascall said. "The only exception this time was our principal contractor who we've worked with before. He may not be the 'lowest bidder,' but he does excellent work in a short amount of time and he hires people from the area bringing jobs into the local economy."

As Pascall and Sgt. Charles Pilkington, the team sergeant, walked through the halls of the school, the smell of fresh paint floated through the air. Last minute preparations were talked through in expectation of the arrival of Sheik Jamil, the village's tribal leader.

"This is our first project in the Bob Al-Sham area, so we want to make sure everything is just right," Pilkington said.

An electricity outage threatened to spoil the day for

the team, but power was restored before the ceremony began.

"Just wouldn't be an event without a minor glitch," Pilkington said with a chuckle.

Fanning herself as the air conditioner worked furiously to compensate for the brutal, 110-degree midday heat, Madam Nora, the school's headmistress, smiled and pointed to the air conditioner.

"The environment for the children made it almost impossible to learn," she said. "How can a child; how can anyone

concentrate on mathematics when it's so hot in the classrooms?"

By 3 p.m., Jamil had arrived. Greetings were made as Pascall led the sheik on a quick tour of the facility. Completing the walk through, the group congregated in front

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**-SGT Charles Pilkington, Team Sgt., A-Team 3, 489 CA Bn., 39BCT, 1CD**



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**Sheik Jamil, tribal leader of the Bob Al-Sham area, cuts the ceremonial ribbon officially reopening the Abu Al-Kasseb school during a ceremony last month. Tribal leaders of the Bob Al-Sham area worked with the Soldiers of the 489th Civil Affairs battalion to rebuild the school, which was run down after many years of neglect by the former regime.**

of the school. A thin pink ribbon adorned with roses stretched across two walls, blocking the entrance.

Dressed all in yellow, a little girl presented the sheik with a pair of scissors nestled on top of a fluffy pillow. Taking the scissors, the sheik cut the ribbon. It fell down and cheers

went up; the school was officially reopened.

"We (Coalition forces) really believe in the schools," Pilkington said, reflecting later on the events of the day. "The children are the ones that will truly move this country to democracy. You win them and you win the future."

### Iraqi Word of the Day

lake bu-Hai-ra

#### Thursday

High: 106  
Low: 78



#### Friday

High: 106  
Low: 82



#### Saturday

High: 107  
Low: 84



Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

### The ABCs of Safety

Attitude, Behavior and Control



**o A safe attitude means staying alert and focused on the job at hand**

**o Safe behavior means taking safety guidelines and practices seriously**

**o Control means taking responsibility**

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## 5BCT Agriculture Team Improving Iraqi Agriculture

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pathogens, so we started vaccinating them against common diseases to sustain the herd that is here."

Cole, an experienced farmer with a bachelor's degree of Animal Science, along with Staff Sgt. Barry Winehart, a high school agriculture teacher, were tasked to work with the Red Team as the animal health team.

"They told me they were having problems with their irrigation and I wanted to do something about it," Cole said. "We ended up doing a full analysis and [found] out what was wrong and how to fix it."

While the vaccinations and irrigation projects are already underway, there are a number of other projects the two would like to start to improve the farming and agriculture of Al Rashid.

"We would like to supply them with some certified seed to introduce a wider gene pool of corn, barley and wheat," Cole said. "Their seed is so inbred that it won't germinate, and if it does it puts out a very low yield."

As a narrow gene pool is crippling the crop production, this problem is similar for the



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**An Iraqi veterinarian hired by the 5th Brigade Combat Team administers a deworming injection to a Holstein cow in Al Rashid on his first day of work.**

livestock in the area, Cole said.

"We're also looking at a way to improve the milk production of the cows, but they are so inbred they only produce

inseminate the cows."

These projects, along with the implementation of herbicides, insecticides, and a renovation of a local slaughter-

ects will improve the economy and improve the quality of life for the Iraqi people.

"If you help the people with their animals that's a big portion of their lives," Winehart said. "They may have one cow or they may have four

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**-SSG Barry Winehart, 5BCT Agriculture Team**

a quarter of what they should," Cole said. "The cheapest and easiest way to do this is ship over bull semen and artificially

house are all future projects that will improve Iraqi agriculture and food production. The Soldiers expect that the proj-

or five, but they can't afford to lose one, so this improves their home life and the future of their children."

## Camp Victory North July 4th Events

**0600 Fun Run: Individual or 10 man teams  
(Start at MWR)**

**0700 Volleyball, Basketball & Horseshoes  
Competitions (MWR Tent & 2BCT Courts)**

**1000 Playstation2, Spades & Dominoes Competitions**

**(MWR Tent)**

**1130 Barbeque Lunch**

**1900 Combat Patch & Awards Ceremony (PX Stage)**

**2000 MWR Concert (PX Stage)**

**Sign up at MWR by July 3**





### Today in Cav History July 1

**1916** - The 1st Battalion Mounted Engineers, predecessor unit of 8th Engineer Battalion, was constituted in the Regular Army. "A" Battery, 21st Field Artillery, predecessor unit of 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery, was constituted in the Regular Army. "A" and "B" Troops, 24th Cavalry, predecessor unit of 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, was constituted in the Regular Army. "C" and "D" Troops, 24th Cavalry, predecessor unit of 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, was constituted in the Regular Army. "E" and "F" Troops, 24th Cavalry, predecessor unit of 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, was constituted in the Regular Army. The Signal Corps Battalion, one of the Replacement Battalion, predecessor unit of the 15th Personnel Service Battalion, was constituted in the Regular Army.

**1963** - The 1st Battalion, 15th Armored was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division.

**1965** - The 1st Cavalry Division was reorganized as an Airmobile Division restoring the assignment status of the 12th Cavalry Regiment and assigning the 9th Cavalry Regiment to the Division.

**1966** - Operation NATHAN HALE ends.

### Welcome Pole' No Longer Welcome



The Olympian

**Port of Olympia workers Monday loaded a 36-foot Salish welcome pole on a truck, ending a controversial saga in port history. Drivers took the pole to its new home at the University of Washington Burke Museum in Seattle. In January, the port commission scrapped plans to erect the pole at Port Plaza because of vocal opposition that Squaxin Island tribal carver Doug Tobin, a felon, worked on it. A Mukilteo couple bought the pole for \$30,352 and donated it to the museum.**

### Coffee Not Always Lo-Cal

► From AP

A cup of black coffee has just 10 calories, Starbucks says, but an espresso drink laden with milk, flavoring and whipped cream can be almost a meal in itself.

Some nutritional information for 16-ounce "grande" drinks at Starbucks:

Nonfat latte: 160 calories, 0 grams of fat.

Vanilla latte, with whole milk: 280 calories, 10 grams of fat.

Chai latte with nonfat milk: 230 calories, 0 grams of fat.

Mocha with whole milk

and whipped cream: 400 calories, 22 grams of fat.

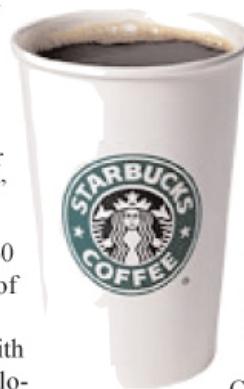
Caramel Frappuccino, with whipped cream: 430 calories, 16 grams of fat.

Light caramel Frappuccino, without whipped cream: 180 calories, 1.5 grams of fat.

Strawberries & Creme Frappuccino Blended Creme, without whipped cream: 470 calories, 5 grams of fat.

Strawberries & Creme Frappuccino Blended Creme, with whipped cream: 600 calories, 17 grams of fat.

Source: Starbucks Corp.



### Sports Call-in Show Continued from Page 5

to Ralph at Headhunter. What's up?"

**Ralph at Headhunter:** "Man, I gotta tell ya, I've been reading your column for a couple of months now and you are so full of BEEEEEP! How can you pick the Packers to go anywhere in the play-offs, and pick the Kansas City Chiefs, of all teams, to win it all next season!?"

"Good thing we've got that seven-second delay, dude! You can't say that on the air!"

**Ralph at Headhunter:** "Sorry, man, but the question remains - how can you be so out of touch with reality? Everybody knows the Patriots will take it all again ... three out four years! They are the team of the decade, and Tom Brady is the new king of the NFL!"

"I didn't notice a New England accent, so I'm thinking you're one of these 'Johnny-come-lately, get-on-the-band wagon-of-whoever-is-on-top' kind of fans, Ralph. I admit that some of my picks were a stretch, and that the Chiefs and the Packers are one serious knee injury (to Priest Holmes or Brett Favre) away from mediocrity. Still, both have been hurt and still excel, and I think the 'Priest' will take the KC faithful to the Promised Land in '05!"

[Cue outro rock music. Cue talent to wrap it up.] "Ralph, thanks for the call. Tune in next time for another great edition of whatever you decide to call this thing! Drop me a line, and we'll talk more sports ... same bat time, same bat channel! Go Packers!"

[Fade out music.]

**John the production manager:** "That was OK, Dave, but you were a bit long-winded in your answers. Stick with the script next time, will ya?"



## If Only We Could Have Our Own Cav Radio Station (a dream sequence)

[TRIGGER PULL – TALK RADIO VERSION]

Being deployed to Iraq, one of the many things I miss (sporting-wise, that is) are all the radio call-in shows dedicated to sports. The American Forces Network's radio signal is pretty weak in my life support area, and I understand that it's nonexistent in many places in and around Baghdad.

With that sorry state of affairs, I will attempt to replicate my own sports call-in show in this column. We'll call it ... uh ... umm ...

[Cue light bulb!] I've got a great idea! We'll let the readers decide. E-mail your "Name the Column" contest comments, questions and otherwise trivial information to

[david.j.larsen@1cd.army.mil](mailto:david.j.larsen@1cd.army.mil). Anyway, on with the show:

[Cue driving rock music intro. Cue the talent.]

"Hi there, and welcome to the show! I'm Army Sergeant Dave Larsen, your host-with-the-most up-to-date information and opinions in the world of sports. Without further adieu, let's head to the phones! We've got Joe, from War Eagle on the

line. Hey Joe, whattaya know?"

*Joe, from War Eagle: "Hey Dave! I just want to talk about the great state of Texas! While our 'Horns may have fell in the College World Series, they're still the second best college baseball team in the nation! And most importantly – how about them Rangers! We're kickin' butt ... and without an overpaid infielder. Who needs A-Rod, anyway?!"*

[Cutting off the caller.] "Joe ... Joe ... Joe. Say it ain't so. First off, lets talk about the Longhorns: ranked number one in the nation and choking in the finals, two games to zip, to a team that started off the season 14-15! Texas was cruising along until the championship round, when all that talent forgot to breathe. I'm talking MAJOR choke job here, almost as bad as the Vikings in the last season's NFL final regular season game! Nobody remembers who took SECOND in a College World Series, Joe! Pretty much, nobody remembers who won it last year! All the best to Cal State Fullerton, but all the CWS gives to baseball is next season's minor leaguers.

Next: who needs A-Rod?

How 'bout them Yankees with the best record in the American League? Make that the best record in baseball! Alex Rodriguez started off slow, but now has climbed up near the league lead in home runs, RBI and he's even hitting over .300 now. The guy IS overpaid, but that's an ownership issue, not an A-Rod issue. He's simply the best player in the game today not on steroids. As far as the Rangers go: OK, they're in first place today (June 30, as I write), but it ain't gonna last! These guys are doing it with smoke and mirrors, and sooner or later that highly suspect starting rotation and no-name closer will kill them in the stretch run. I NEVER get on a bandwagon in June. If these Rangers are for real, they'll be challenging in August. I just don't see it! Let's see ... who's up next? It's Ed over at Ferrin-Huggins. Yo, Ed, what's up?"

*Ed from Ferrin-Huggins:*

*"Just a quick question, Dave: I get my free copy of the Stars & Stripes newspaper about every other day, and I never hear anything about*

MSG Dave  
Larsen



Sports Buff

*the upcoming Olympics. What's going on? Is the U.S. gonna kick butt, or what?"*

"I feel your pain, Ed. There was a story in today's paper with the headline "Kupets, McCool virtually assured Olympic berths." The story talks about selections and one more test for Olympic hopefuls, but the story (dateline Anaheim, Calif.) NEVER says what sport these women compete in! I'm guessing gymnastics, but that's just a guess. We're a captive audience over here, I guess. My favorite Summer Olympic sport will again be basketball. It's a world all-star tournament that shouldn't be missed. We should still win, but the world is catching up. The short answer to your last question: you bet! Time enough for one more caller, and then I've got to go back to work. Let's go

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6 p.m.	Yu-Gi-Oh!/ Jackie Chan Adventures	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	SportsCenter 5:30 p.m. Totally NASCAR 6:30 p.m.	Inspector Morse 5 p.m.
7 p.m.	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ Headline News	Yankee Doodle Dandy	Wimbledon Tennis Tournament - Womens' Semifinals	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	Everybody Loves Raymond/ Scrubs 9:25 p.m./ Reel Time 9:55 p.m.			One Tree Hill
10 p.m.	Extreme Makeover	Bad Girls 10:15 p.m.		The West Wing



scores as of June 30  
7:30 p.m. PDT

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 12  
Cleveland 5

New York 4  
Boston 2

Tampa Bay 6  
Toronto 2

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Montreal 6  
Philadelphia 3

Pittsburgh 6  
St. Louis 5

Cincinnati 2  
New York 0

Houston 3  
Chicago 2